

**TGMI Steering Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 14, 2006**

**Members Present:** Mike Travis, Cindy Saladin, Chuck Holland, Melvin Jones, Jr., Jon Zirkle, Rusty Lacy, Ashley Glover, Lisa Pugh

**Members Absent:** Susan Gullette and Saya Qualls

Mr. Travis called the meeting to order. The February minutes were approved by electronic mail and posted on the TGMI website.

Mr. Travis provided a copy of the treasurer's report. Most of the endowment pledges were received and the committee agreed that the donation should be sent to UT by March 31, 2006. Mr. Travis will notify Ms. Gullette.

Mr. Travis provided a revised copy of the Procedures for TGMI Alumni Elections including the recommended changes from the last meeting. Upon review, Mr. Holland made a motion to accept the changes. Ms. Glover seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The committee discussed the subcommittees and possible members. Mr. Travis stated that the Hospitality Committee is still seeking a chairman.

**Communications:**

Mr. Jones reported that the Communications Committee was unable to meet due to scheduling conflicts. He added that they hope to meet next week. He reported that the first newsletter will be issued by the end of April or first of May. He added that the subcommittee will consider some website revisions.

**Community Service:**

Mr. Zirkle provided a handout of the minutes from the community service meeting held March 7, 2006. He reminded everyone of the first project at Reconciliation Ministries on March 18, 2006. He added that he has twelve volunteers signed up thus far. He will put together an article regarding the project for the TGMI alumni newsletter. Mr. Zirkle discussed the Habitat for Humanity project which will be scheduled for April 29, 2006. The invitation to volunteer will be extended to TGEI as well. He also discussed a project with Monroe Harding School for at risk youth. He stated that our

involvement could include landscaping, repairs, cleaning, organizing picnics or birthday parties or even mentoring the students. The group may consider a project with them in the summer or fall.

### **Personnel Report:**

Ms. Saladin reported that due to the scheduling conflict brought up during the last meeting, alternate dates are being considered for the Fall Conference. Due to the unavailability of the public library, Ms. Saladin is looking for an alternate location. The committee discussed various possibilities including a state park.

Ms. Saladin reported that 63 applications for the TGMI Class of 2006 have been received and are under review. She added that there was a good cross section of agencies and occupations represented this year. She added that they hope to have an announcement of the class by March 31, 2006. The contract is in place with UT and Dr. Michael McIntire will lead the curriculum selection for UT.

### **Orientation Committee:**

Mr. Lacy discussed the meeting of the 2005 class officers to develop a plan for orientation in May including mentoring and a possible skit. A second meeting will be held with any interested members of the class and Ms. Saladin to discuss the format and ensure the new class will get what they need.

### **New Business:**

The steering committee discussed future TGMI activities to encourage better participation. Mr. Holland suggested a brownbag luncheon about State Parks. Ms. Pugh will set up a future luncheon at the L & C Tower and work with State Parks to set up the program. Ms. Saladin suggested a “Meet your Steering Committee” type brownbag as well. Mr. Jones suggested getting together with other TGMI alumni within our own departments to survey their interests.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 in the 20<sup>th</sup> floor conference room on the southwest side of the Tennessee Tower.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa E. Pugh  
Secretary